TIMES AND SEASONS.

"TRUTH WILL PREVAIL."

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A HISTORY OF THE PERSECUTION, OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, OF LATTER DAY SAINTS IN MISSOURI.

The following address, was delivered at Far West, by Maj. Gen. Clark, to the Mormons, after they had surrendered their arms, and themselves prisoners of war:

"*Gentlemen*—You whose names are not attached to this list of names will now have the privilege of going to your fields to obtain corn for your families, wood, &c. Those that are now taken, will go from thence to prison; be tried, and receive the due demerit of their crimes—but you are now at liberty, all but such as charges may be hereafter preferred against. It now devolves upon you to fulfil the treaty that you have entered into, the leading items of which I now lay before you. The first of these you have already complied with, which is, that you deliver up your leading men to be tried according to law. Second, that you deliver up your arms—this has been attended to. The third is, that you sign over your properties to defray the expenses of the war—this you have also done. Another thing yet remains for you to comply with, that is, that you leave the State forthwith, and whatever your feelings concerning this affair—whatever your innocence, it is nothing to me. Gen. Lucas, who is equal in authority with me, has made this treaty with you. I am determined to see it executed. The orders of the Governor to me, were, that you should be exterminated, and not allowed to continue in the State, and had your leader not been given up and the treaty complied with before this, you and your families would have been destroyed, and your houses in ashes.

There is a discretionary power vested in my hands which I shall try to exercise for a season. I did not say that you shall go now, but you must not think of staying here another season or of putting in crops; for the moment you do, the citizens will be upon you. I am determined to see the Governor's Message fulfilled, but shall not come upon you immediately—do not think that I shall act as I have done any more—but if I have to come again, because the treaty which you have made here shall be broken, you need not expect any mercy, but extermination—for I am determined the Governor's order shall be executed. As for your leaders, do not once think—do not imagine for a moment—do not let it enter your mind, that they will be delivered, or that you will see their faces again, for their fate is fixed, their die is cast—their doom is sealed.

I am sorry, gentlemen, to see so great a number of apparently intelligent men found in the situation that you are;—and, oh! that I could invoke the spirit of the unknown God to rest upon you, and deliver you from that awful chain of superstition, and liberate you from those fetters of fanaticism with which you are bound. I would advise you to scatter abroad and never again organize with Bishops, Presidents, &c., lest you excite the jealousies of the people, and subject yourselves to the same calamities that have now come upon you. You have always been the aggressors—you have brought upon yourselves these difficulties by being disaffected, and not being subject to rule—and my advice is that you become as other citizens, lest by a recurrence of these events you bring upon yourselves irretrievable ruin.

[CONCLUDED.]

COMMUNICATIONS.

TO THE SAINTS SCATTERED ABROAD.

BELOVED BRETHREN:

We address a few lines to the church of Jesus Christ, who have obeyed from the heart, that form of doctrine which has been delivered to them by the servants of the Lord, and who are desirous to go forward in the ways of truth and righteousness,

and by obedience to the heavenly command, escape the things which are coming on the earth and secure to themselves an inheritance among the sanctified in the world to come.

Having been placed in a very responsible situation in the church, we at all times feel interested in the welfare of the Saints and make mention of them continually in our prayers to our heavenly Father, that they may be kept from the evils which are in the world and ever be found walking in the path of truth.

The work of the Lord in these last days, is one of vast magnitude and almost beyond the comprehension of mortals: its glories are past description and its grandeur insurpassable. It has been the theme which has animated the bosom of prophets and righteous men from the creation of this world down through every succeeding generation to the present time; and it is truly the dispensation of the fulness of times, when all things which are in Christ Jesus, whether in heaven or on the earth, shall be gathered together in him, and when all things shall be restored, as spoken of by all the holy prophets since the world began: for in it will take place the glorious fulfillment of the promises made to the fathers, while the displays of the power of the Most High will be great, glorious, and sublime.

The purposes of our God are great, his love unfathomable, his wisdom infinite, and his power unlimited; therefore, the Saints have cause to rejoice and be glad, knowing that "this God is our God forever and ever and he will be our guide unto death."

Having confidence in the power, wisdom and love of God, the Saints have been enabled to go forward through the most adverse circumstances, and frequently when to all human appearances nothing but death presented itself, and destruction, inevitable, has the power of God been manifest, his glory revealed, and deliverance effected; and the Saints, like the children of Israel who came out of the land of Egypt, and through the Red Sea, have sung an anthem of praise to his holy name: this has not only been the case in former ages, but in our own days, and within a few months, have we seen this fully verified.

Having, through the kindness of our God, been delivered from destruction, and secured a location upon which we have again commenced opperations for the good of his people, we feel disposed to go forward and unite our energies for the upbuilding of the kingdom, and establishing the Priesthood in their fulness and glory.

The work which has to be accomplished in the last days is one of vast importance, and will call into action the energy, skill, talent, and ability of the Saints, so that it may roll forth with that glory and majesty described by the prophets: and will consequently require the concentration of the Saints, to accomplish works of such magnitude and grandeur.

The work of the gathering spoken of in the scriptures, will be necessary to bring about the glories of the last dispensation: It is probably unnecessary to press this subject on the Saints, as we believe the spirit of it is manifest, and its necessity obvious to every considerate mind; and every one zealous for the promotion of truth and righteousness, is equally so for the gathering of the Saints.

Dear brethren feeling desirous to carry out the purposes of God, to which we have been called; and to be coworkers with him in this last dispensation: we feel the necessity of having the hearty co-operation of the Saints throughout this land, and upon the Islands of the sea; and it will be necessary for them to hearken to counsel, and turn their attention to the church, the establishment of the kingdom, and lay aside every selfish principle, every thing low, and groveling; and stand forward in the cause of truth, and assist to the utmost of their power, those to whom has been given the pattern and design; and like those who held up the hands of Moses, hold up the hands of those who are appointed to direct the affairs of the kingdom, so that they may be strengthened, and be enabled to prosecute their great designs and be instrumental in effecting the great work of the last days.

Believing the time has now come when it is necessary to erect a house of prayer, a house of order, a house for

the worship of our God: where the ordinances can be attended to agreably to his divine will, in this region of country; to accomplish which, considerable exertion must be made, means will be required; and as the work must be hastened in righteousness, it behooves the Saints, to weigh the importance of these things, in their minds, in all their bearings, and then take such steps as are necessary to carry them into operation; and arm themselves with courage, resolve to do all they can, and feel themselves as much interested, as though the whole labor depended on themselves alone; by so doing they will emulate the glorious deeds of the Fathers, and secure the blessing of heaven upon themselves and their posterity to the latest generation.

To those who feel thus interested, and can assist in this great work, we say let them come to this place, by so doing they will not only assist in the rolling of the kingdom, but be in a situation where they can have the advantages of instruction from the presidency and other authorities of the church, and rise higher and higher in the scale of intelgence, until they "can comprehend with all Saints the length and breadth and debth and height, and know the love of God which passeth knowledge."

Connected with the building up of the kingdom, is the printing and circulation of the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, Hymn book and the new translation of Scriptures, It is unnecessary to say any thing respecting these works; those who have read them, and who have drank of the stream of knowledge, which they convey, know how to appreciate them, and although fools may have them in derision, yet they are calculated to make men wise unto salvation, and sweep away the cobwebs of superstition of ages, throw a light on the proceedings of Jehovah which have already been accomplished and mark out the future in all its dreadful and glorious realities; those who have tasted the benefit derived from a study of those works, will undoubtedly vie with each other in their zeal for sending them abroad throughout the world, that every son of Adam may enjoy the same privileges and rejoice in the same truths.

Here then, beloved brethren is a work to engage in worthy of arch-angels; a work which will cast into the shade the things which have heretofore been accomplished; a work which kings and prophets and righteous men, in former ages have sought, expected, and earnestly desired to see, but died without the sight: and well, will it be for those who shall aid in carrying into effect the mighty operations of Jehovah.

By order of the first Presidency,

R. B. THOMPSON,
Scribe.

Nauvoo, Sept. 1840.

Waterville, N. Y. July 29th, 1840.

DEAR BRETHREN,

E. ROBINSON & D. C. SMITH:

Having a few leisure moments to spend in writing, I sit down at this time to address a few lines to you, to inform you where I am at present, and what I am doing; through the goodness of our kind heavenly Father, I am yet alive and have the privilege of informing you that the work of the Lord in this part of his vineyard, is still progressing, though opposed by the wicked of all classes, (in this region,) from the bloated faced drunkard of the Bar Room, even to the *long faced* priests of different sects, whose crafts are in dangered by the principles of the Renewed Covenant, as taught by the Elders of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints: and notwithstanding all the opposition, the kingdom of God in its native purity is rolling forth in mighty power; in this north country, and gathering in its progress, the honest in heart from all classes and sects of religious institutions, as well as scores from among the non professing portion of community. Since I last wrote to you, July last 1839, I addressed a letter to the presidents of the seventies dated Feb 23d 1840, in which I gave a history of the work of the Lord in this region, and also wished them to write to me, but as I have received no answer from the above named letter, I have no, evidence to believe they ever received it, and shall give a general history in this, since last July, the 22nd; I have added to the different branches of the church in this region, about fifty members, and the young Elders about as many more, by baptism, I have attended two

conferences of late, the minutes of which will soon be forwarded to you.

The saints in this region are strong in the faith, and are making the necessary preparations to remove west; some are going west this season, others are doing all in their power to be ready to go next. We should be glad to have one of the agents who has authority to exchange lands (as they are passing,) call on the different branches of the church in this region; for instance, the Hamilton church, the Boonville church in Oneida co. N. Y. the Williamstown and Amboy churches in Oswego co. N. Y. The saints here are very anxious to remove west and settle with their brethren. I saw Elder Bates a few days since, he had just returned from Canada, and said many of the saints in that place were removing west, and that many had been added to the church in that region the present season. We have many and very pressing calls for preaching in almost every direction, and for many miles distant which we cannot fill; and on learning from the 8th number of your interesting paper, which came to hand a few days since, of the spread of the gospel in the old world; and the call for twenty of the seventies to go to that country, to assist in the great work of God, truly it made our hearts rejoice, while we can pray the Lord of the harvest, to send forth more laborers into his vineyard, that the wheat may be secured in the garners, to possess eternal life; and I now say to my brethren, the seventies who have not as yet gone forth into the harvest field to labor, (if any such there are;) my dear brethren, arise and gird on your armour, and walk forth into the field, and clear your skirts of the blood of souls, by testifiing unto this generation of those things which God has communicated unto his servants; for the salvation of this generation.

Since writing the above I have visited the church at Amboy and Williamstown, attended a special conference, in that place, at which, a new branch of the church was organized, in the town of Albion, Oswego co. at a place called Pineville, the Elders are requested to call on them as they are passing. A company of saints consisting of about 35 souls in all, with six two horse waggons and one two horse carriage, with Elder Truman Gillett jr. to lead them, set out for Nauvoo, while I was at Amboy; and a company of saints from Boonville are about starting for the same place, led by elder Hiram Hoyt. Truly my heart rejoices to see the work of the gathering roll on. J. BLAKESLEY.

Amboy, Oswego co. N. Y. July 8, 1840.

MESSRS. ROBINSON AND SMITH.

Dear Brethren,

It is with feelings of pleasure that I avail myself of a few leisure moments to drop a few lines to you, to let you as well as all the friends of truth, know of the advancement of the cause of our Redeemer in this part of the vineyard of the Lord. I have been laboring since about the first April in the counties of Jefferson, Oswego, Onondaga and some in Oneida, N. Y. And truly the cause of God is rolling forward with a mighty impetus, propelled by the hand of Israels God.—Truth is advancing; error and false doctrine is receeding, priest craft is falling; priests of Baal are howling, saints are rejoicing, (and the word of God grows and multiplies,) yes notwithstanding all the lies, slanders and scurrillous reports put in circulation by hirling priests and their supporters, whose craft are in danger by the forth coming of the truth; the cause and kingdom of God is rolling forward as steady as the bright luminary of day; and will continue to roll until the honest in heart are gathered out of Babylon, until the wheat is gathered from among the tares, untill wickedness is swept from the earth; the earth cleansed from its pollution, Christ makes his his appearance in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory to reign on the earth a thousand years with his saints while satan is bound. There are two or three hundred saints or more, in the above mentioned counties who have come in through the instrumentality of different Elders.

I have baptized since the first of April or a short time previous some sixteen or eighteen, and some are to go forward next Sabbath; and multitudes believing, who I think will obey soon, I never saw such calls for preaching.—East, West, North and South, the Mac-

edonian cry: surely if ever it could be realized that the harvest is great, and the laborers few, it is at the present time: if some of the Elders could come into this region they could find plenty of ground to work upon; while writing this I received a visit from Elder Blakesley, and he states that the work of the Lord is rolling forth in the region where he is laboring; in Oneida and Madison counties. He has baptized in a short time some 20 or 30 and a number more expect to come forward soon. Thus the little stone is rolling forth and smites the image on the its feet which will soon become like the chaff of summer threshing floor, and the stone become a great mountain and fill the whole earth.

Yours &c.

TRUMAN GILLETT, Jr.

We have several other communications laying before us, from the elders of Israel, which we should feel glad in publishing entire, but owing to the press of matter, we shall have to content ourselves with giving but short extracts.

Elder Rufus Beach writes from Livonia, Wayne Co. Mich. under date of Sept. 3, 1840.

"The cause of truth is slowly, but steadily progressing in this section of country, prejudice is giving way to the force of truth, and some are obeying the gospel: last Sabbath two were baptised by elder A. Blanchard, one of which has been a professor for many years.

A wide field for the spread of the gospel is opened in this country, but the laborers are few, but three only preaches the gospel of the kingdom in all this section of the country. One year ago last spring the Lord opened the eyes of my understanding to know he had commenced pruning his vineyard for the last time, and I do know he has called laborers by revelation into the work, and I know the work will be propelled forward by the power of God, until the kingdoms of this world, shall become the kingdoms of our God and his Christ.

Yours, &c.

RUFUS BEACH.

Elder Daniel Tyler, from Scott co. Ill., says, that he has lately baptized six, and has had a debate with a Campbellite preacher, which has had the effect of breaking down much prejudice and that many are believing the precious truths of the kingdom.

Elder A. O. Smoot writes from Whitleyville Jackson Co Tenn.

You will believe me, when I say is is with no ordinary feelings of gratitude to the great Shepherd of Israel, that I now assume my seat, and employ my pen to let you know somet thing of my labors in this part of our divine masters vineyard. I am happy to say, that the cause of truth is progressing here, while error, bigotry, priestcraft and superstition, is falling before its mighty influence; and many made to rejoice that the light of heaven has once more shone upon the sons of Adam.

In company with Elder Pitkins, and priest Webster, I arrived here the 12th of June, and commenced laboring in this, and the adjoining counties, Smith and Overton. I found almost every species of religion prevailing here, (that of Jesus Christ excepted) which was as strange as it was to the Jews in the apostolical dispensation.

The greater part of my labors in this country, has been confined to some small branches of the church in this and Overton co's. raised up by elder J. Moses and others. These chuches I proposed visiting when I left home by request of brother Moses, in order to organize, and set them in order: as they were left in an unorganized state: This I have been able to do in part, by the assistance of elder Pitkins.

When we arrived here the saints in this country numbered 51 members; and since we arrived we have baptized 14 more, making in all 65. There are some 4 or 5 more who are candidates for the waters of baptism, which will be attended to when convenient.—Thus, the kingdom of our God rolls forth with mighty power.

I am, as ever, yours, &c.

A. O. SMOOT.

Elder Elisha H. Groves writes as follows:

I left home May 12th, in company with brother Isaac Cleveland, traveled

to Commerce, from thence to Savena by water, landed the 21st, preached the same evening; from thence to Napoleon, held several meetings: we also preached several times in Elizabethtown, and in a place called the Townson settlement, on the head of Rush creek; from here we traveled to Big Grove, where we unexpectedly met with brother Ezra Strong; himself and family have been much afflicted; from thence we traveled to Wames Grove, held several meetings, from thence into the settlements of the Pecatolika river. June 20th, brother Cleveland left me for the east: I traveled up and down this river preaching whenever I could get an opportunity.

I have baptized 12 and organized a church of 20 members: br. Strong is appointed to preside over them. In all the above places there are believers, and great calls for preaching, also on Rock river, but the situation of my family will not permit me to stay.—This branch of the church is 40 miles east of Galena in Stephenson co. Ill.—This is an excellent country the soil is equal to that of Missouri, the land is not yet in market. There is plenty of heavy timber on the Pecatolika river, and good mill privileges; there is a saw and flouring mill within 5 miles of this branch.

Yours &c.

E. H. GROVES.

Elders James Carrole and Alva L. Tippets writes as follows:

Oct. 8th, 1840.

Dear Brothers,

ROBINSON & SMITH.

With pleasure we write to you, concerning our labors in the vineyard, brother Carrole and Southworth, with four other elders went into the Iowa Territory, about 50 miles from Nauvoo, into Henry county, near Jefferson, on the 18th of June last; and we entered upon our ministerial labors and labored about three weeks, and baptized ten; during that time we came home on the fourth of July, and after staying at home until the 27th of July, brother Tippets and myself left home and visited the same place, and during the time we stayed, which was till the first of October, we traveled about two hundred miles, and held one debate with a Campbellite preacher, and held twenty eight meetings, we felt that the Lord was with us and we prospered insomuch that there were many that came out to hear us, and the signs truly did follow them that believe, and it appeared that desolating sickness followed them that railed out against us; but still there are yet many honest hearted people, and we expect to visit that place again shortly and we ask the prayers of the church that our labors may be blest and many more be brought into the kingdom through our instrumentality; and we shall ascribe the praise to God alone.

We remain your servants in the gospel,

JAMES CARROLE.
ALVA L. TIPPETS

Philadelphia Pa. July 8th 1840.

MESSRS. ROBINSON, & SMITH:

I am happy to state to you once more, that the work of the Lord is still prospering in these eastern lands.—Many of the honest in heart are coming to a knowledge of the truth, and are flocking into the kingdom of God.

The branch of the church in Chester co. where I have been laboring considerably, now numbers upwards of 100 members. The branch of the church in Lancaster co. where elder's, Davis and Dean have been laboring, numbers upwards of 50; and the branch of the in this city, numbers upwards of 200 members; elder B. Winchester is about to leave this place for England. elder Erastus Snow is here, and will probably remain in this section of country some length of time and proclaim the gospel. Their are many calls for preaching and a wide field for labor throughout this whole region of country, and many are believing who have not as yet been baptized, but whom I trust will, ere long obey the everlasting gospel. Pray for us dear brethren that we may ever be found faithful.

Yours &c:

LORENZO BARNES.

The following is a report of a Committee appointed to examine the country in the South west corner of Iowa Territory.—ED.

Nauvoo, Illinois, July, 28th, 1840.

We a committee appointed to exam

line and report a place in Iowa Territory, (if any could be found) suitable for establishing and building up a stake or branch of the church, of *Jesus Christ* of Latter Day Saints. Submit the following report.

We left the head of the Rapids on the west bank of the Mississippi river opposite Nauvoo, on the 22nd day of this inst. we explored the county North of the Desmoine river, in Lee county and part of Van Buren county. The surface is neither hilly nor level, but may be termed undulating, having near equal portions of timber and prairie: the timber prevailing on the Desmoine and its tributaries, and on the sources of the Skunk river, and on the minor tributaries of the Mississippi river.—The soil is generally very fertile, especially on the Desmoine river: The bottom land or valley of this river average about one mile in width, soil dry and exuberently fertile, with abundant good springs on the river margins, but elsewhere springs scarcely ever occur, though abundant stock water is found on all the small streams, and excellent well water may be obtained in any place by digging from 12 to 30 feet. stone abounds on all (or near all) the streams suitable for building and other purposes.

We examined the Desmoine river from near its junction with the Mississippi river, up to the Sauk village, a distance of near 90 miles, it averaging 600 feet wide, gliding over a smooth lime stone bed, or bottom for the greater portion of the distance, only a few instances of a thin coating or stratta of gravel. The depth of this river is uniform, and at the stage of water we made the examination about 18 inches deep, finding no place but you might drive a loaded waggon, or ride on horse back along the channel. Steam boats ply a portion of every Spring and Fall to the Sauk village, and could run much higher was there business, say to the Raccoon forks; a distance of 200 miles. Small keel boats can ply any time unless obstructed by ice. The prevailing timber, Oak, shell bark Hickory, Walnut, Sugar Maple, Hackberry, Buckeye, Mulberry, Elm, and some other varieties; under growth Paupau, Hazle, &c.

We have seen the principal rivers of the States, and say without hesitancy, that the river now under consideration is the most pleasant and beautiful known to us.

There was offered unto us a mill seat with chartered privileges, (on the Desmoine river,) together with a donation of about $700 if we would go on to improve the same: this offer will be taken in a few days by one of our brethren.

We now proceed to take into consideration the country south of the Desmoine, to the Mississippi boundary line, (on the north,) and east of the Indian boundary line. Its form is that of a right angle triangle, having the Desmoine river for the hypotenuse, covering a surface of about 336 square miles, equal to 217840 acres—near half of this is not surveyed and subject to settlement and pre-emption, being that portion from the Desmoine river along the Indian boundary line South, to the North boundary line of Missouri, averaging 9 miles wide and 22 miles long, from north to south: about 90,000 acres of this tract is not settled or claimed: we therefore, deem this the best location that can be made in Iowa Territory to build up a Stake. This district is watered by the Desmoine river, and a creek called Chequest, [signifying in the Indian tongue, thunder and ligtning,] there is however, small tributaries to both the above streams, watering the surface now under consideration. It may be described as a timbered country consisting of timber, brush, openings, and a small portion of prairie, surface rather broken, though nearly all susceptible of cultivation; and mostly in the highest degree fertile, and may be more densly populated than any other portion we have examined. Stone, and other crude building materials abound, with a sufficiency of water power on the Desmoine river and Chequest creek, that can be easily improved. This region has many other advantages and resources not adverted to in this description.—Submitted, July, 29th, 1840.

GEORGE MILLER.

JOHN A. MIKEALL.

TIMES AND SEASONS.

NAUVOO, ILL. OCT., 1840.

In this number we lay before our readers the minutes of the conference held at this place on the 3rd inst. which will be perused with interest, by the saints throughout the length and breadth of the land. The proceedings were highly satisfactory and pleasing; the most perfect harmony prevailed during the whole proceedings which lasted three days. Notwithstanding there was some mistake respecting the day of commencement which with the unfavorable state of the weather for some time previous was the cause of many not being present, yet there was a very large and respectable congregation amounting we suppose to no less than five thousand persons, some of our friends estimated them at more. A number of strangers from a distance were present, who, were not connected with the church, who generally, were highly gratified with the proceedings.

The report from the different branches of the church both on this continent and on the islands of the sea, were of a nature calculated to awaken feelings of joy in the hearts of all those who love the prosperity of the kingdom, and more particularly those, who have had to bear the heat and the burthen of the day.

The subject of building a house, for the worship of Almighty God, was brought up, when it was decided that immediate preparations should be made to carry into effect, an object so dear to the saints. A committee was appointed to erect the same, who are men of tried integrity, and who will do their duty, and it only remains for the brethren to hold up, and strengthen their hands, and a building to the honor of our God, will be erected, where the saints can offer up their orisons to the God of their salvation, and where the order of the kingdom will be manifested.

We this month conclude the history of the persecution of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints in Missouri, by inserting in our columns the memorable speech of Maj. Gen. Clark to our brethren at Far West—and sure never a more, unconstitutional and bloody address, blackened the pages of history. The sentiments contained in it are such as make every lover of freedom, every patriotic American citizen, as well as all civilized men throughout the world, capable of appreciating the blessings of freedom, to look upon its author with contempt. Not only does he charge them with crimes, of which they were never guilty but says that if they did not leave the state they "need not expect mercy, but extermination." This was the language of a man high in authority in that state, and for the noble feats he then performed, has since sought the suffrages of the Missourians to be elevated to the gubernatorial chair of that state. Sure such a governor would shed a darker polish on the blackened aspect of that disgraced state. For whenever he had a desire to persecute any one or bring them to condign punishment, guilty or not guilty "whatever your innocence is, it is nothing to me" your "fate is fixed, your die is cast, your doom is sealed." This would be carrying out the principle which he then avowed and in which he was supported by the citizens of that state.

We are knowing to most of the circumstances, mentioned in the history of the persecutions, and that a correct account has been given, which, has been proven from time to time, these things have been placed before the legislature of Missouri, but they have refused to investigate them, they have

been repeated in Congress, but no redress has been granted, they have been sounded in the ears of the president, but he could do nothing for us.

What remains to be done, if the nation will not arouse itself in behalf of suffering humanity, and with a voice more terrible than thunder, speak out against a people, who have trod down the inherent rights and privileges of freemen and bring the authors of our suffering and woes, to that punishment which the well being of our country demands? Are the tears of widows, the sobs of orphans, the groans of the dying, and the blood of the innocent, to cry to this people in vain? Where ah! where, ye American citizens, are those high toned feelings of patriotism? where is the spirit of freedom which animated the bosom of your noble sires, who waded through scenes of carnage and of gore to purchase the glorious privileges which you enjoy, but of which we are denied, although our fathers fought side by side with your's and many of them fell in the glorious struggle for liberty? Is it extinct? does it not now warm the bosom of the scions of those noble men, who presented a spectacle in their days, to the world at large, an and example worthy of imitation to the latest generation? Shall we appeal to you in vain? will you turn away from the scene, unmoved and unconcerned and suffer it to pass unnoticed; Remember,

"He who allows oppression,
Shares the crime.——

We hope better things of our countryman and that they will by and by arise in their majesty, dry up the tears of the widow and fatherless, and restore our people to their rightful inheritances and to all the privileges of freemen.

We sometime since received the minutes of a conference held in the town of Superior, Washtenaw county, Michigan, which commenced on the 19th of June, 1840, and continued two days, the proceedings were interesting, a number of branches were represented, and ten were baptized.

In our last number, on the 176 page, in the Hymenial notice of Jesse P. Reed; it should have read, Newman G. Blodget, and Mary Rush, instead of Neuman J. Blodget and Mary Bush.

Minutes of the general conference of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, held in Nauvoo, Hancock county, Ill. Oct., 3rd 1840.

The conference was opened by prayer by President W. Marks.

Joseph Smith jr. was then unanimously called to the chair, and R. B. Thompson, chosen clerk.

A letter from elders Bent and Harris and one from Elder John E. Page were then read by the Clerk, which gave very satisfactory accounts of their mission.

On motion. Resolved, That a committee be appointed to ordain such as have recommends to this conference for ordination, and that elders

Jonathan Hale, Elisha H. Groves,
Charles C. Rich, John Murdock,
Simeon Carter

compose said committee, and report their proceedings before the conference closes.

The president arose and stated that there had been several depredations committed on the citizens of Nauvoo, and thought it expedient that a committee be appointed, to search out the offenders, and bring them to justice.

Whereupon it was resolved, that,

Joseph Smith, Elias Higbee,
William Marks, Vinson Knight,
William Law, Charles C. Rich,
Dimick Huntington,

compose said committee.

On motion. Resolved, that R. B. Thompson be appointed the general church clerk in the room of Geo. W. Robinson, who intends to remove to Iowa.

It having been requested by Elder Page that the conference would appoint an elder to take charge of the church which he and Elder Hyde had raised up in Cincinnatti.

On motion. Resolved, that Elder Samuel Bennett, be appointed to preside over the church in Cincinnatti.

The president then rose, and stated that it was necessary that something, should be done with regard to Kirtland, so that it might be built up; and gave it as his opinion, that the brethren from the east might gather there, and also, that it was necessary that some one should be appointed from this conference to preside over that stake

On motion. Resolved, that Elder Alman Babbit be appointed to preside over the church in Kirtland, and that he choose his own counc llors.

Conference adjourned for one hour.

One o'clock P. M. Conference met pursuant to ad ournment.

An opportunity was given to the brethren who had any remarks to make on suitable locations for stakes.

Elder H. Miller stated that it was the desire of a number of the brethren residing in Adams county to have a stake appointed at Mount Ephraim in that county, and stated the advantages of the place for agricultural pu poses &c.

On mot on. Resolved, that a stake be appointed at Mount Ephraim in Adams county.

There being several applications for the appointment of stakes, it was resolved that a committee be appointed to organi e stakes between this place and Kirtl nd, and that

Hyrum Smith,
Lyman Wight and
Alman Babb t

compose said committee.

The president then spoke of the necessity of building a "House of the Lord" in this place.

Whereupon it was resolved, that the saints bu ld a house for the worship of God, and that Reynolds Cahoon, Elias Higbee, and Alpheus Cutler, be appointed a committee to build the same.

On motion Resolved, that a commencement be made ten days from this date, and that every tenth day be appropriated for the building of said house.

President Hyrum Smith arose and stated that there were several individuals, who on moving to this place, had not settled with their creditors and had no recommend from the branches of the church were they had resided.

On motion. Resolved that those persons moving to this place, who do not bring a recommend, be disfellowshiped.

J. C. Bennett. M. D. then spoke at some length, on the oppression, to which the church had been subject, and remarked, that it was necessary for the brethren to stand by each other and resist every unlawful attempt at persecut on.

Elder Lyman Wight then addressed the meeting. Conference adjourned until to morrow morning.

Sunday morning. Conference met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened by prayer by Elder Babbit.

The clerk was then called upon to read the report of the presidency, in relation to the city plot. after which the president made some observations on the s tuation of the debts on the city plot and advised that a committee be appointed to raise funds to liquidate the same.

On motion. Resolved, that William Marks and Hyrum Smith compose said committee.

On motion. Resolved, that a committee be appointed to draught a bill for the incorporating of the town of Nauvoo, and other purposes.

Resolved, that Joseph Smith Jr. Dr. J. C. Bennett and R. B. Thompson, compose said committee.

Resolved that Dr. J. C. Bennett, be appointed delegate to Springfield, to urge the passage of said bill through the legislature.

President Hyrum Smith then rose and gave some general instructions to the church.

Conference adjourned for one hour.

One o'clock. P. M. Conference met pursuant to adjournment and was opened by prayer by Elder J. P. Green.

President Joseph Smith jr. then arose and delivered a discourse on the subject of baptism for the dead, which was listened to with considerable interest, by the vast multitude assembled.

Dr. Bennett, from the committee, to draught a charter for the city, and for other purposes, reported the outlines of the same.

On motion. Resolved that the same be adopted.

Dr. Bennett then, made some very appropri te remarks on the duty of the saints in regard to those, who had, under circumstances of affliction, held out the hand of friendship. and that it was their d ty to uphold such men and give them the r suffrages, and support.

Elder E. Robinson then arose, and gave an account of the printing of another edition of the book of Mormon, and stated, that it was now nearly completed and that arrangements had been made for the printing of the hymn book book of doctrine and covenants, &c.

Conference adjourned to Monday morning.

Monday morning, Oct., 5th. Conference met pursuant to adjournment and was opened by prayer by Elder Lyman Wight.

Elder R. B. Thompson after a few preliminary remarks, read an article on the priesthood, composed by president Joseph Smith jr, after which,

Elder Babbitt delivered an excellent discourse on the same subject at some considerable length.

Conference adjourned for one hour.

During the intermission a large number were baptized.

Two o'clock P. M. Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Elder Lyman Wight addressed the conference on the subject of baptism for the dead and other subjects of interest to the church.

The president then made some observations, and pronounced his benediction on the assembly.

Dr. J. C. Bennett said that many persons had been accused of crime, and been looked upon as guilty, when on investigation it has been ascertained that nothing could be adduced against them.—Whereupon,

On motion; it was resolved that no person be considered guilty of crime, unless proved so by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

Dr. Bennett next brought before the conference the treatment the saints had experienced in Missouri, and wished to know, whether the conference would take any further steps in relation to obtaining redress.

On motion. Resolved that Elias Higbee and R. B. Thompson be appointed a committee to obtain redress for the wrongs sustained in Missouri.

The committee on ordinations reported that they had ordained thirty nine to the ministry.

On motion. Resolved that this conference be dismissed, and that the next conference be held on the 6th day of April next.

JOSEPH SMITH jr., Pres't.
R. B. THOMPSON, *Clerk*,

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENCY.

The Presidency of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, would respectfully report: that they feel rejoicing to meet the saints at another general conference and under circumstances as favorable as the present. Since our settlement in Illinois, we have for the most part been treated with courtesy and respect, and a feeling of kindness and of sympathy, has generally been manifested by all classes of the community, who with us, deprecate the conduct of those men, whose dark and blackning deeds, are stamped with everlasting infamy and disgrace.

The contrast between our past and present situation is great. Two years ago, mobs were threatening, plundering, driving and murdering the saints. Our burning houses enlightened the canopy of heaven. Our women and children houseless and destitute, had to wander from place to place, to seek a shelter from the rage of persecuting foes.—Now we enjoy peace, and can worship the God of heaven and earth without molestation. And expect to be able to go forward and accomplish the great and glorious work to which we have been called. Under these circumstances we feel to congratulate the saints of the Most High, on the happy and pleasing change in our circumstances, condition and prospects, and which those who shared in the perils and distresses, undoubtedly appreciate. While prayers and thanksgivings daily ascend to that God, who looked upon our distresses and delivered us from danger and death, and whose hand is over us for good. From the unpropitious nature of the weather, we hardly expected to behold so many of our friends on this occasion, in this however, we are agreeably disappointed, which gives us strong assurance that the saints are as zealous, untireing and energetic as ever in the great work of the last days; and gives us joy and consolation, and greatly encourages us, while contending with the difficulties which necessarily lie in our way.

Let the brethren ever manifest such a spirit, and hold up our hands, and we MUST, we WILL go forward, the work of the Lord shall roll forth, the Temple of the Lord be reared, the Elders of Israel be encouraged; Zion be built up. And become the praise, the joy, and the glory of the whole earth; and the song of praise, glory, honor and majesty to him that setteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb forever and ever, shall reverberate from hill to hill, from mountain to mountain, from island to island and from continent to continent, and the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our God and his Christ.

We are glad indeed to know that there is such a spirit of union existing throughout the churches, and at home and abroad; on this continent, as well as on the Islands of the sea, for by this principle and by a concentration of action shall we be able to carry into effect the purposes of our God.

From the Elders abroad we receive the most cheering accounts; wherever the faithful laborer has gone forth reaping, sowing the seed of truth, he has returned with joy, bringing his sheaves with him; and the information we receive from all quarters is, that the laborers are few and that the harvest is great. Many wealthy and influential characters have embraced the gospel, so that not only will the poor receive in that they are

exalted, but the rich in that they are made low.

The calls to the southern states are indeed great, many places which a short time ago would think it a disgrace to give shelter to a Mormon, on account of the many false misrepresentations which were abroad, now desire to hear an Elder of the church of Latter Day Saints.

On the Islands of the sea, viz. great Britain, there continues to be a steady flow of souls into the church—branches have been organized in many large and populous cities and the whole land appears to be thirsting for the pure streams of knowledge and salvation. The Twelve have already printed a new edition of the Hymn book, and issue a monthly periodical in that land. Several families have already arrived here from England and a number more are on their way to this place, and are expected this fall.

If the work roll forth with the same rapidity it has heretofore done, we may soon expect to see flocking to this place, people from every land and from every nation, the polished European, the degraded Hottentot, and the shivering Laplander. Persons of all languages, and of every tongue, and of every color; who shall with us worship the Lord of Hosts in his holy temple, and offer up their orisons in his sanctuary. It was in consideration of these things, and that a home might be provided for the saints, that induced us to purchase the present city for a place of gathering for the saints. and the extensive tract of land on the opposite side of the Mississippi. Although, the purchase at that time and under the peculiar conditions and circumstances of the church, appeared to many to be large and uncalled for; yet from what we now see, it is apparent to all, that we shall soon have to say. "The place is too strait give us room that we may dwell."

We therefore hope that the brethren, who feel interested in the cause of truth, and desire to see the work of the gathering of Israel roll forth with power will aid us in liquidating the debts which are now owing, so that the inheritances may be secured to the church, and which eventually will be of great value. From the good spirit which is manifested on this occasion, the desire to do good, and the zeal for the honor of the church, inspires us with confidence that we shall not appeal in vain, but that funds will be forthcoming on this occasion, sufficient to meet the necessities of the case.

It is with great pleasure that we have to inform the church that, another edition of the book of Mormon has been printed, and which is expected on from Cincinnatti, in a short time. And thatarrangements are making for printing the book of Doctrine and Covenants Hymn book, etc. etc. So that the demand which may exist, for those works will soon be supplied.

In conclusion we would say. Brethren and Sisters be faithful, be diligent, contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints—let every man, woman and child realise the importance of the work, and act as if its success depended on their individual exertion alone, let them feel an interest in it, and then consider they live in a day, the contemplation of which animated the bosom of Kings, Prophets and Righteous men, thousands of years ago—the prospect of which inspired their sweetest notes and most exalted lays and caused them to break out in such rapturous strains as are recorded in the scriptures; and by and by, we shall have to exclaim in the language of Inspiration,

"The Lord has brought again Zion—
The Lord hath redeemed his people, Israel."

From the Quincy Whig.

GOV. CARLIN—SMITH AND RIGDON.

"The Gov. of Missouri however, soon made a formal demand of the Gov. of Ill. for the surrender to the authorities of, etc.

"Here they. (the whigs) would if possessed of power hold themselves superior to law, and proceed in such a manner as would lead to serious difficulties between the two States. [Argus.

"Fudge! We repeat, Smith and Rigdon should not be given up. The law requiring the Governor of our State to deliver up fugitives from justice, is a salutary and wise one, and should not in ordinary circumstances be disregarded, but as there are occasions that authorize the citizens of a State to resent a tyranical and oppressive government, so there are occasions when it is not only the privilege, but the duty of the Governor of the State to refuse to surrender the citizens of his State upon the requisition of the Executive of another,—and this we consider as the case of Smith and Rigdon.

The law is made to secure the punishment of the guilty, and not to sacrifice the innocent, and the governor whose paramount duty it is to protect the citizens of his State from lawless violence, whenever he knows that to comply with such requisition he would be delivering the citizens into the hands of a mob as a victim to appease the thirst of the infuriate multitude for blood, without trial and against justice; under such circumstances, we repeat, the Governor is bound by the highest of all human laws, to refuse to comply with the requisition: and will the Argus or Governor Carlin pretend to deny that the present is not a case of this kind.

The history of the Mormon difficulties in Missouri, is of too recent an origin not to be well known to the Governor. A few years since, when they had settled in the Far West, and had gathered around them the comforts and

conveniences of life, and were beginning to reap the just reward of their industry and enterprise, a mob attempted to drive them from their homes; as peaceable citizens, enjoying all the rights guarantied to them by a Republican Constitution, they had a right, and did call on the governor of Missouri, for protection. Did he, in obedience to the oath which he had taken to support the Constitution of the State, respond to the call as a Governor should? No!—and forever will a stain rest upon the name of *Lillburn W. Boggs*, and the State of Missouri. Mr. Boggs told the Mormons that they must take care of themselves—in fact denying them the the protection of the Constitution under whose broad folds they had taken shelter. Thus denied the protection of the State, they prepared to defend their homes, wives and children. Did Mr. Boggs, as the controversy proceeded, remain a neutral *spectator*, as his first intimation had given the Mormons to understand? Oh, no!—when the mob was forced to fly for safety—like cowards as they were—then this wise and *oath-bound* Executive, *called out the militia of the State*, to aid, in expelling—or rather, to use one of the expressions of Mr. Boggs—in "*exterminating*" *the Mormons*. Which is as much as to say—if the Mormons cannot be driven from their homes, their possessions, and all else that they hold dear, peaceably—why then, kill, murder, burn, destroy, any thing, so the Mormons are "exterminated" from the State! Most just, humane, wise, and patriotic governor Boggs!

Many of them were barbarously butchered, and all shamefully unsettled and cruelly driven from their comfortable firesides at an inclement season of the year,—those who escaped secret murder, were inhumanly and savagely treated, their females violated, and their property confiscated and plundered, by the barbarous Vandals who were persecuting them even unto death! and to such men and to such people, would Governor Carlin deliver up two of our Mormon citizens for a sacrifice! We oppose this barter and trade in blood, upon higher grounds than the mere forms of law upon which the Argus justifies the Governor. If we believed that Smith and Rigdon had been guilty of criminal acts in Missouri, and could have a fair trial for such acts, under the laws of that State, we should be among the first to advocate the surrender of those gentlemen. It is not the laws of Missouri, of which we complain, it is of the officers who are appointed to execute and carry out those laws.—Their conduct must be forever reprobated—it is a lasting disgrace to the State.

The Mormons have resided in our State since they were driven out of Missouri—behaving as good citizens. Smith and Rigdon in particular, have resided ever since within the limits of our State, undoubtedly with the full knowledge of the authorities of Missouri, but no demand is made till the citizens of Missouri, pursuing them in their new homes in this State, with the same disregard of law that marked their previous conduct, a call is made upon the governor of that State to deliver them over to our authorities to be tried for violating our laws, then the very vigilant governor of Missouri calls for the apprehension of Smith and Rigdon!

It may be that Gov. Carlin and Boggs have a private understanding—that a *cartel*, an exchange of prisoners, may be agreed on between them. If it is so, the Governor is trifling with the lives of our citizens—with the lives of those whom he is sworn to protect. Reason, justice and humanity, cries out against the proceeding.

We repeat, that compliance on the part of Gov. Carlin, would be to deliver them not to be *tried* for crime, but to be *punished* without crime; and that under those circumstances, they had a right to claim protection as citizens of this State"

The foregoing article, from the pen of the editor of the Quincy Whig, reflects great credit on the head and heart of the writer. The sentiments it contains are liberal, noble, just—the offspring of wisdom and understanding, It completely uses up the *Uncircumcised Philistines of Missouri*, and places the Mormon people just where they have ever taken shelter—*under the broad folds of the Constitution*—and I, therefore, commend it to the favorable consideration of all the saints of light, The grievances of this people must be

redressed, and my hands shall help to do it—should they have to reach to the highest courts of heaven, dig to the lowest bowels of hell, or encompass the broad expanse of the universe of God, to consummate so desirable a result.

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Tell Brother Carlos, I thank him for the paper he sent me, I mean to try and send him a cash subscriber for every paper.

The death of br. Edward Partridge (in that paper) struck me with deep solemnity. Since 1831 we had passed through many trying scenes, and he ever proved himself a faithful friend. His private and official duties were performed with an eye single to the glory of God. He was a faithful steward and the church had unlimited confidence in his integrity. He lived Godly in Christ Jesus, and suffered persecution. As a Bishop he was one of the Lords great men, and few will be able to wear his mantle with such simple dignity. He was an honest man, and I loved him.

When the first Elder went along with br. Joseph to the western boundaries of Missouri, to seek the land of Zion, for the gathering of the saints in the last days, he and I was in the little band; when that goodly land was consecrated, we kneeled together; when the first house was raised, he and I help carry the first log; when the mob first rose to drive the saints from their inheritances in Jackson co. and six of us offered our lives for the church, he was one; and for his faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity, he was stript on the public square, and *tarred and feathered* in this boasted land of liberty; by all Jackson co. (except the saints) for which God's will be done; when we were driven out in 1833, and escaped in the night for our lives, into Clay co. he and I went hand in hand: we were anointed together at Kirtland, and came home together; when Caldwell co. was searched out he and I did it; we made the first prayer to God on that goodly land that had been for about fourteen hundred years; and saw a glory that will yet cover the saints "as a cleat beat upon herbs," we lived together in peace, and our communion was sweet; although we often rebuked each other in plainness and had smaps according to passion, yet, like the used key, our friendship was bright and moistened with *tears*:

Lord thine anointed was a just man, and precious in thy sight, was his death! His name will be had in everlasting remembrance, while his enemies will be struck out of existance: so let me say!—

Our Father in heaven, whom all saints rely on,
Exalt ye to glory the Bishop of Zion,
As an heir to dominion, and power and might;
The called and chosen, and faithful, is worthy
To rise from a Saint to an angel of light.

For the Times and Seasons.

ELEGY.

On the death of the dearly beloved, and much lamented father in Israel, Joseph Smith Sen. a Patriarch in the church of Latter Day Saints; who died at Nauvoo, Sept. 14th, 1840.

Zions noblest sons are weeping:
See her daughters, bath'd in tears,
Where the Patriarch is sleeping.
Nature's sleep—the sleep of years.
Hush'd is every note of gladness—
Ev'ry minstrels bow's full low—
Ev'ry heart, is tun'd to sadness—
Ev'ry bosom feels the blow.

Zion's children lov'd him dearly;
Zion was his daily care:
That his loss is felt sincerely,
Thousand weeping saints declare:
Thousands, who have shar'd his blessing,
Thousands, whom his service blest'd,

By his faith and pray'rs suppressing
Evils, which their lives oppress'd.

Faith and works, most sweetly blessed,
Prov'd his steadfast heart sincere;
And the power of God, attended
His official labors, here,
Long, he stem'd the pow'rs of darkness,
Like an anchor in the flood:
Like an oak amid the tempest,
Bold, and fearlessly he stood.

Years have witnessed his devotions,
By the love of God inspired;
When his spirit's pure emotions,
Were with holy ardour fir'd.
Oft, he wept for suffring Zion—
All her sorrows were his own:
When she pass'd thro' grievous trials,
Her oppressions weigh'd him down.

Now he's gone; We'd not recall him
From a paradise of bliss,
Where no evil can befall him:
To a changing world like this.
His lov'd name, will never perish,
Nor his mem'ry crown the dust;
For the saints of God will cherish
The remembrance of the JUST.

Faith's sweet voice of consolation,
Soothes our grief: His spirit's flown
Upward, to a holier station,
Nearer the celestial throne:
There to plead the cause of Zion,
In the council of the JUST—
In the court, the saints rely on,
Pending causes to ADVERT.

Though his earthly part is sleeping
Lowly, 'neath the prairie sod:
Soon the grave will yield its keeping—
Yield to life, the man of God.
When the heav'ns and earth are shaken—
When all things shall be restored—
When the trump of God shall waken
Those that sleep in Christ the Lord.

ELIZA R. SNOW.

Hymenial.

MARRIED—In Mounthope Adams co. Ill. on the 10th Sept. last by Elder Abel Lamb, Silas B. Clark, to Miss Margaret Lesley.

——In this town on the 20th inst. by Elder Caleb Baldwin, Mr. Phileman Merrill, to Miss Cyrene Dustin.

——In this town by Pres't Joseph Smith, Jr. Mr. Charles Sherwood, to Miss Eliza Smith.

——In this town by Pres't Joseph Smith Jr. Mr. Ben. Johnson, Miss to Harriet Snider.

——In this place on the 4th inst, by Elder W. Niswanger, Mr. Nauman G. Blodgat, to Miss Elizabeth G. Reid, both of this place.

——In this place, on the 4th inst. by elder Isaac Allred, Mr. Samuel Driggs, to Miss Elizabeth Taylor.

——In this place, Sept 25th by Elder Titus Billings, Mr. John Tippets to Mrs. Caroline Pew.

——In this town on the 27th of Sept. by Elder Titus Billings, Mr. William Huntington sen. to Mrs. Lydia Partridge.

Obituary.

DIED—In Springfield, Sangamon co. Ill. Sept. 11, Elijah Merriam aged 63 years and 6 months. Formerly a citizen of Watertown, Litchfield co. Connecticut.

——In Quincy on the 27th Sept. Miss Hannah K. Johnson, daughter of Amity Johnson, aged 23 years. After a lingering illness of three months, which she bore with christian fortitude, in the hope of a happy resurrection.

——On Bear Creek, in Adams co. on the 2d inst. Polly, consort of Josiah Butterfield, aged 48 years and four days. Sister Butterfield has been ill for near 18 months.

——In this place on the 20th of Sept. Hannah Pratt, aged 23 years.

——In this place Marietta Holmes consort of Johnathan H. Holmes aged 20 years.

——In this place, Mary Emma, daughter of Jonathan H. and Marietta Holmes aged 3 months and 15 days.

——In this place Sept. 11th, Phebe Ann Pain, consort of Elias Pain, aged 31 years 1 month 25 days.

PROSPECTUS

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TO OUR PATRONS AND FRIENDS:

As this number closes the first volume of this paper, we feel anxious to say a few words to our kind friends who have felt willing to extend the helping hand, and patronize us in the commencement of our undertaking; and sustained the press in its infancy.

It is a well known fact, that we commenced this paper under the most adverse circumstances possible, as the press and type had just been resurrected from the bowels of the earth, in the State of Missouri, where it had been necessary to deposite them, during the war carried on against us by Lilburn W. Boggs and his unholy gang of *Land Pirates*, consequently they were not fit for use, until made so at a heavy expense; and having been robbed of all we had, therefore we were not in a situation to put it in that situation we should wish; however, notwithstanding

all these difficulties we have been enabled, by the blessings of heaven, to worry through with one volume, and now propose, commencing the second; and as it has, we trust, passed its infancy, and is now approaching to childhood, we think it all important that it should increase in strength, and vigor, therefore we shall publish it hereafter twice each month, to gratify the request and desire of many of our subscribers who are anxious to learn of the mighty spread of truth oftener than once each month.

The great accessions making to the church, and the introduction of the benign gospel of peace, into new places, and other nations; also the great demand for publications from every part of America, renders it altogether necessary for us to issue our periodical oftener than formerly. We should be pleased to publish our paper weekly, as we have an abundance of matter for the instruction of the saints, as President Joseph Smith jr. is furnishing us with essays on the glorious subject of the priesthood, also giving us extracts of the new translation to lay before our readers, of the second volume,—but our circumstances will not permit us to publish oftener than twice a month, as we are but a child yet, and you are aware that a child must creep before it can walk, and walk before it can run; so we, having passed our infancy, must content ourselves by walking the coming season, not saying what we will do the following year; but leave that to the destiny of Heaven, and the good will of our friends and the saints.

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Our Father in heaven, whom all saints rely on,
Exalt ye to glory the Bishop of Zion,
As an heir to dominion, and power and might;
The called and chosen, and faithful, is worthy
To rise from a Saint to an angel of light.

For the Times and Seasons.

ELEGY.

On the death of the dearly beloved, and much lamented father in Israel, Joseph Smith Sen. a Patriarch in the church of Latter Day Saints; who died at Nauvoo, Sept. 14th, 1840.

Zions noblest sons are weeping:
See her daughters, bath'd in tears,
Where the Patriarch is sleeping.
Nature's sleep—the sleep of years.
Hush'd is every note of gladness—
Ev'ry minstrels bow's full low—
Ev'ry heart, is tun'd to sadness—
Ev'ry bosom feels the blow.

Zion's children lov'd him dearly:
Zion was his daily care:
That his loss is felt sincerely,
Thousand weeping saints declare:
Thousands, who have shar'd his blessing
Thousands, whom his service bless'd,

By his faith and pray'rs suppressing
Evils, which their lives oppress.

Faith and works, most sweetly blessed,
Prov'd his steadfast heart sincere;
And the power of God, attended
His official labors, here,
Long, he stem'd the pow'rs of darkness,
Like an anchor in the flood:
Like an oak amid the tempest,
Bold, and fearlessly he stood.

Years have witnessed his devotions,
By the love of God inspired:
When his spirit's pure emotions,
Were with holy ardour fir'd.
Oft, he wept for suff'ring Zion—
All her sorrows were his own:
When she pass'd thro' grievous trials,
Her oppressions weigh'd him down.

Now he's gone; We'd not recall him
From a paradise of bliss,
Where no evil can befall him:
To a changing world like this.
His lov'd name, will never perish,
Nor his mem'ry crown the dust;
For the saints of God will cherish
The remembrance of the JUST.

Faith's sweet voice of consolation,
Soothes our grief: His spirit's flown
Upward, to a holier station,
Nearer the celestial throne:
There to plead the cause of Zion,
In the council of the JUST—
In the court, the saints rely on,
Pending causes to ADJUST.

Though his earthly part is sleeping
Lowly, 'neath the prairie sod:
Soon the grave will yield its keeping—
Yield to life, the man of God.
When the heav'ns and earth are shaken—
When all things shall be restored—
When the trump of God shall waken
Those that sleep in Christ the Lord.

ELIZA R. SNOW.

Hymenial.

MARRIED—In Mounthope Adams co. Ill. on the 10th Sept. last by Elder Abel Lamb, Silas B. Clark, to Miss Margaret Lesley.

——In this town on the 20th inst. by Elder Caleb Baldwin, Mr. Philaman Merrill, to Miss Cyrene Dustin.

——In this town by Pres't Joseph Smith, Jr. Mr. Charles Sherwood, to Miss Eliza Smith.

——In this town by Pres't Joseph Smith Jr. Mr. Ben. Johnson, Miss to Harriet Snider.

——In this place on the 4th inst, by Elder W. Niswanger, Mr. Neuman G. Blodget, to Miss Elizabeth G. Reid, both of this place.

——In this place, on the 4th inst. by elder Isaac Allred, Mr. Samuel Driggs, to Miss Elizbeth Taylor.

——In this place, Sept 25th by Elder Titus Billings, Mr. John Tippets to Mrs. Caroline Paw.

——In this town on the 27th of Sept. by Elder Titus Billings, Mr. William Huntington sen. to Mrs. Lydia Partridge.

Obituary.

DIED—In Springfield, Sangamon co. Ill. Sept. 11, Elijah Merriam aged 63 years and 6 months. Formerly a citizen of Watertown, Litchfield co. Connecticut.

——In Quincy on the 27th Sept. Miss Hannah K. Johnson, daughter of Amity Johnson, aged 23 years. After a lingering illness of three months, which she bore with christian fortitude, in the hope of a happy resurrection.

——On Bear Creek, in Adams co. on the 2.th inst. Polly, consort of Josiah Butterfield, aged 48 years and four days. Sister Butterfield has been ill for near 18 months.

——In this place on the 20th of Sept. Hannah Pratt, aged 23 years.

——In this place Marietta Holmes consort of Johnathan H. Holmes aged 20 years.

——In this place, Mary Emma, daughter of Jonathan H. and Marietta Holmes aged 3 months and 15 days.

——In this place Sept. 11th, Phebe Ann Pain, consort of Elias Pain, aged 31 years 1 month 25 days.

PROSPECTUS

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TO OUR PATRONS AND FRIENDS:

As this number closes the first volume of this paper, we feel anxious to say a few words to our kind friends who have felt willing to extend the helping hand, and patronize us in the commencement of our undertaking; and sustained the press in its infancy.

It is a well known fact, that we commenced this paper under the most adverse circumstances possible, as the press and type had just been resurrected from the bowels of the earth, in the State of Missouri, where it had been necessary to deposite them, during the war carried on against us by Lilburn W. Boggs and his unholy gang of *Land Pirates*, consequently they were not fit for use, until made so at a heavy expense; and having been robbed of all we had, therefore we were not in a situation to put it in that situation we should wish; however, notwithstanding